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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S AUGUST 11 SPEECH --ADVANCE BRIEFING

REF: STATE 189248

1. I TODAY BRIEFED KHLESTOV, HEAD OF THE TREATY AND LEGAL DIVISION AT MFA, ON THE CONTENT OF THE SECRETARY'S MONTREAL SPEECH AS INSTRUCTED BY REFTEL. (KOZYREV, THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WHO HANDLES LAW OF THE SEA, WAS ILL AND UNABLE TO RECEIVE ME.) KHLESTOV EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE ADVANCE NOTICE, AND REMARKED THAT HE SAW "NOTHING EXPECIALLY NEW" IN THE U.S. POSITION. AGAIN EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE BRIEFING, HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS KIND OF COOPERATION CAN AND MUST CONTINUE ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. HE WAS, AS ALWAYS, EXTREMELY POSITIVE ON THE PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS.

2. I EMPHASIZED TO HIM THE NEED FOR SOVIET COOPERATION IN THE FISHERIES QUESTION IF THE ADMINISTRATION IS TO SUCCEED
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IN FORESTALLING 200 MILE ZONE LEGISLATION. KHLESTOV

REPLIED THAT HE IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS
ON THE ISSUE. KHLESTOV, WHO IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE
LEADING AUTHORITIES IN MFA ON LOS MATTERS, HAS APPARENTLY
BEEN MAKING USE OF HIS CONTACT WITH CONGRESSIONAL DELEGA-
TIONS AT MBFR IN VIENNA, WHERE HE HEADS THE SOVIET DELEGA-
TION, TO TEST THEM ON THEIR VIEWS ON THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS.
HE PRESUMABLY HAS BEEN KEEPING MFA WELL INFORMED ON HIS
FINDINGS.
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